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For: NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR  
MEMORY DEVICE AND METHOD FOR  
OPERATING THE SAME

Examiner: F. Erdem

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.143**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement made in the Office Action mailed on November 15, 2004. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the following remarks are courteously requested.

The Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, the invention of the alleged species to embodiment 1 having claims 1-48. Applicant reserves the right to file the features of the remaining alleged species within a divisional application.

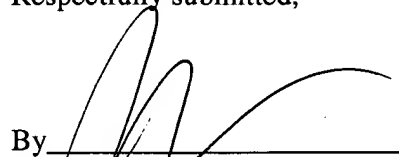
For the reasons provided hereinbelow, the restriction requirement made within the Office Action mailed on November 15, 2004 is respectfully traversed. "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." M.P.E.P. §803.

An early Action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753 or the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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Respectfully submitted,



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